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Applicant(s): Scott R. Smith et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 5, 2002, a response to which is due September 5, 2002, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested as the amendment is believed to place the application in condition for allowance or better form for appeal.

Please amend the application as follows:

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